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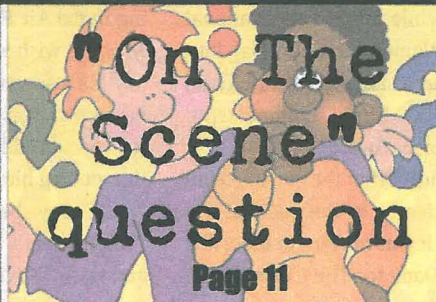
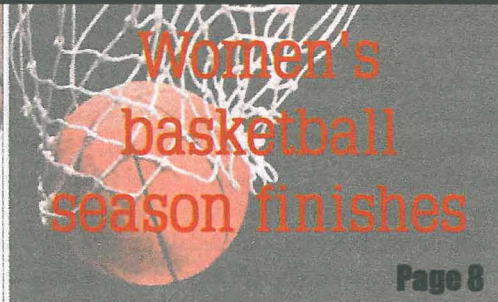
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# The Current

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## In Memory of Kevin Rafael Preciado

By: Debbie Mejia

Kevin Rafael Preciado, a 2012 NSU graduate, died at age 22 on March 24 of congestive heart failure, a complication associated with spinal muscular atrophy.

Preciado was a business administration major and the sports editor for *The Current* for a year and a half, up until his graduation.

The Preciado family held his "Celebration of Life" on March 29 in the Don Taft University Center Club Room. Per the family's request, almost everyone wore sports jerseys or NSU gear, not black, since they wanted the memorial to be a celebration of his life.

When Preciado caught a cold on March 23, he experienced difficulty breathing and was taken to the hospital to clear the congestion. Preciado's breathing problems continued and his heart was not strong enough to handle it. He died at 2:20 a.m.

Preciado was born to Robin and Rafael Preciado in Miami on April

10, 1990. He was diagnosed with spinal muscular atrophy, a form of muscular dystrophy, which causes problems with all the muscles in the body, including the heart. His doctors estimated that he wouldn't live past age 10, and, according to his mother, the disease was progressive and made him weaker every year.

"He was our life and we are so proud of everything he accomplished," Robin said.

Peter Finley, associate professor of sport and recreation management, said, "Whenever I spent time with him, I was struck by the feeling that we all can and should achieve more. He was a shining example that life is full of possibilities if we think positively, dare to take chances and refuse to limit ourselves."

Though he had no siblings, Preciado was close to his cousins.

"Kevin was spontaneous and was always there for me, his family and friends," said his younger cousin, Ricardo Preciado.

Gary Tuell, NSU's men's basketball head coach knew Preciado as an avid Sharks fan, and said, "Kevin was a talented young man who did wonderful work and was an inspiration to our coaches and student-athletes who had the good fortune to know him."

Preciado's mother described her household as a sports center where Kevin and his father, who were the best of friends, would talk about sports all the time.

Nancy Olson, adjunct professor of sports and recreation management, said, "I was very fortunate to have known Kevin and his family for several years, dating back to when I ran the Marlins Community Foundation. [They] would help us sell raffle tickets to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. At NSU, I supervised his practicum experience with Special Olympics. Kevin was passionate about helping others and was a great example for all of us."



COURTESY OF K. PRECIADO'S FACEBOOK PAGE

Kevin Preciado was honored at NSU on March 29.

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## Sleep over at NSU with Relay for Life

By: Debbie Mejia

NSU's chapter of Relay for Life is inviting the NSU community and the public to its fifth annual overnight event, from April 12 at 6 p.m. to April 13 at noon in the Alvin Sherman Library Quad.

All funds raised during Relay for Life will benefit the lives of cancer patients, survivors and their families in Broward County. The event will consist of traditional Relay ceremonies, such as a "survivor lap" and luminaria walk, and Relay for Life's executive board is planning other activities to encourage participants to stay awake all night.

Dayami Gomez, junior psychology major and Relay for Life's fundraising chair, said, "Relay is the nation's largest fundraising event and the only event that goes on overnight to promote the fact that cancer never sleeps and neither should we."

Each year, thousands of colleges, schools, military bases and communities host their own annual Relay for Life events. Though it's sponsored by the American Cancer Society, versions of the event have spread to over 21 countries and have raised over \$3 billion since the first



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COURTESY OF L. GOLDSTEIN

Relay in 1986.

Lindsey Goldstein, a junior majoring in education and event chair for NSU's Relay, has participated in the fundraiser since middle school.

She said, "This is an amazing opportunity for NSU and the community to come together to celebrate survivors and remember lost loved ones. The whole night is a symbolic journey of a cancer patient; as the sun goes down and everything gets

dark, that's the diagnosis. As the night goes on and everyone gets tired, they will remember they can't, because cancer never sleeps. That's the fight. And as the sun comes up, that's hope that, one day, there will be a cure."

Goldstein said that this is a special event that combines something serious with something fun.

Relay for Life's fundraising goal is \$30,000 and teams must

donate a minimum of \$100. Goldstein is expecting 40 teams and 300 participants.

"We are well on our way to our goal, but we need everyone's help," said Aaron Kyle Hackman, assistant director of student leadership and civic engagement. "Seeing the energy and drive of the committee of students that oversee, plan and raise money and awareness for the event, in order to give hope to people in

Broward County fighting cancer, is inspiring to me."

Goldstein first became involved in Relay for Life during middle school, when her teacher was diagnosed with cancer.

"We couldn't imagine what it must be like to hear the words 'You have cancer,'" said Goldstein. "So my class and I formed a Relay for Life team and raised money to fight against cancer, so that one day, no one will ever have to hear the words 'You have cancer.'"

Goldstein said, "Everyone has a connection to cancer, whether it's a relative [or] friend. No one is immune to cancer. Relay for Life is an amazing opportunity for NSU students and the community to come together to celebrate survivors, remember lost loved ones and fight back against cancer."

Relay for Life's Team Development Chair Danny McFadden, sophomore legal studies major, said, "I was inspired to take part in Relay for Life because many in my family had passed away from cancer. Recently, my grandmother just found out she has cancer. So I joined Relay for Life my freshman year to try and

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Linda Mills, director of Special Olympics Florida Broward County, met Preciado through Olsen and hired him to intern with Special Olympics as the social media manager, posting updates on Facebook and Twitter and updating the website.

"Kevin brought us into the social media age and he taught us how so we could continue the practices when his internship was over. Kevin had a great sense of humor and brought smiles to our faces. He was an inspiration to all," Mills said.

Finley described Preciado as a passionate sports fan and will remember him as a highly motivated young man who brought out the best in others.

He said, "As I heard from his classmates today, the words 'inspirational' and 'brave' come up over and over. Kevin had an impact on everyone who was blessed to meet him. Our conversations would always turn to our shared passion for soccer and his love for Real Madrid. He was also a serious Shark [and] supported all of NSU's teams."

Robin Preciado said that she was proud of her son when he started working for The Current, because it brought him joy, satisfaction and a sense of meaning.

In one of his sports commentaries, printed in February 2011 and headlined "No need to hide your NSU pride", Preciado said, "Instead of looking at the glass half empty, let's

take a look at it half full. It's time for us to appreciate what's right in front of our eyes. When it comes to NSU athletics, let's display the same effort our athletes give on a daily basis by attending their games and giving them the support they deserve."

Keith Smith, assistant athletic director, first met Preciado in February 2011 while hosting the National Girls and Women's in Sport Day luncheon event at NSU, to honor Dana Jacobson, an ESPN commentator, for the Pioneer Award.

He said, "After the event, Kevin waited patiently in the back of the room until it was his turn to meet and interview Dana for The Current. After I introduced the two, Kevin immediately went to work and I was instantly struck by his professionalism and poise during his interview. His passion for NSU athletics was unprecedented and I am truly thankful to have had the opportunity to know and work with him."

With over 100 comments of endorsement on his Facebook profile, Preciado's friends and family were at a loss for words but described him as a courageous, humble, strong, wise, strong-willed and beautiful soul.

Robin Preciado said, "The messages his friends left on Facebook were what kept us strong."

Dean Don Rosenblum of the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences, said, "He was quite an influential and inspirational presence on campus."

Stephanie Esperanza and Mike

Francis attended McArthur High School in Hollywood, Fla. with Preciado. Esperanza will never forget how Preciado used to save her from being late to her criminal justice class by offering her a ride on the back of his wheelchair to zoom her to class.

Francis, who is currently serving in the Air Force stationed in New Mexico, wishes he was in Florida to pay his respects. Francis will remember him as a bright, positive and hilarious person and recalled Preciado first introducing himself as "Cadillac."

Finley believes in the quote "where there's a will, there's a way," and said, "Kevin's academic success and work with The Current are proof. He had limitless willpower and quietly put it on display every day. For that, I thank him, love him and will never forget him."

Robin Preciado said, "I think he knew and recognized that his time was short. In a sense, I felt he was prepared, but he never wanted to be treated differently."

In February, NSU alumna Alexis Irias, co-founder of Epocca, offered Preciado a six-month internship as the company's social media content manager.

Irias said, "It was the perfect job for him since it gave him the ability to do it from anywhere. Besides the fact that he loved writing, he was very proactive and creative."

She intended to permanently hire Preciado in August.

Irias said, "I admired his sense of humor and positive outlook on life. About a month ago I asked him, 'What would you do if you had a million dollars?' He said, 'I don't really care about money, I would probably donate most of it and give the rest to my family.'"

In a poem Preciado wrote in 2010, called "Trying to Find Myself", he said, "Everyone is here for a reason. I'll achieve my goals as long as I stay humble and true."

Finley said, "He was very interested in social issues and felt that we all have a responsibility to care for our fellow man, to reach out to people in need and to elevate them. He believed that the measure of a man is in how much he gives, not how much

he take."

Preciado's uncle, Fernando Preciado, said, "It's sad when someone so young departs but, under the circumstances, Kevin had a long life, thanks to his inner strength and the strength and love of his parents, who stood by his side. His parents should be proud of the job they did raising Kevin."

Preciado's family requests that donations in his memory be made to either the Muscular Dystrophy Association, The Special Olympics of Broward County Florida, Pekeapzu Rescue — where Preciado adopted his dog from in 2007, or the Humane Society.

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work toward finding a cure. Cancer is a disease that is seen as normal in our society, but everyone has to work together in order to stop it completely. Trying to get others inspired to help the fight for cancer is something I feel passionate about."

Stephanie Ceden, sophomore biology major, is Relay for Life's luminaria chair. She has created 1,000 luminarias — small paper lanterns that are made of paper bags and commonly lit by candles.

She said, "I am looking forward to see everyone have a good time, all united to help one cause. This is a cause worth fighting for because cancer is relentless, and those who struggle against it fight every single moment, and we should, too."

This year, 1,000 luminaria will be set up around the library quad and at 10 p.m., the participants will make one lap of solace in silence to honor their lost loved ones. Participants can email Ceden at sc1551@nova.edu to request a luminaria in their love

ones' names, or request one during the event.

Relay for Life's fundraising progress can be tracked at [www.relayforlife.org/novaf1](http://www.relayforlife.org/novaf1).

To start a new team or join an existing one, visit [relayforlife.org](http://relayforlife.org) and search "Nova Southeastern University." For more information, contact the Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement at 954-262-7195 or [slce@nova.edu](mailto:slce@nova.edu).

## NSU's Aviation Club takes flight

By: **Faren Rajkumar**

Students in NSU's Human Factors in Aviation Concentration, offered within the Bachelors of Science in Human Services Administration program, are creating an Aviation Club to address the increasing popularity of aviation at the university.

According to the club's initiator and executive dean of the Institute for the Study of Human Service, Health and Justice, Kimberly Durham, it will combine opportunities to build knowledge and experiences in aviation with leadership experience for all students and faculty.

The club's first meeting will be held on April 10 at 6 p.m. in room 218 of the Rosenthal Student Center. Interested participants must RSVP by emailing [aviation@nova.edu](mailto:aviation@nova.edu) with their full name, program affiliation and phone number. The meeting will also be open for virtual participation via webcam; anyone who RSVPs will receive further details about the online location.

Ian Dasho, a liaison for American Flyers Inc., is also eager to share his aviation experience with NSU students and faculty.

"We hope to share our pas-

sion for aviation with the members looking to be involved in the industry we love," said Dasho. "Whether students are looking for a career or a hobby, we look forward to supporting them in this endeavor."

American Flyers Inc., the oldest flight training school in the U.S., currently provides live flight trainings as part of NSU's Aviation Program.

A club president has not yet been selected, but several students have been asked to participate in leadership roles until an official executive board is elected. Marcela Denis-Perez, graduate leadership student and business and properties assistant manager for the Broward County Aviation Department at Fort-Lauderdale International Airport, said that she dreams of establishing an opportunity for students to begin aviation careers at NSU.

"Currently, I do not have a role in the club, only the passion for aviation and the enthusiasm to see others with the same interest," said Denis-Perez.

Regis Burdier, a sophomore in the Human Factors in Aviation Concentration within the Bachelor of Science in Human Services Administration program, hopes that the

club will interest students who are not studying aviation.

"We want current student aviators to come together and share their experiences with other students who might be interested in aviation or becoming a pilot," said Burdier.

Burdier is also an Air Force veteran, and attributes his involvement in the club to his longtime passion for flying.

"[Flying] is something I knew I wanted to do since I was a kid," he said. "My position in the club is yet to be determined, but I was asked if I was interested in a leadership role, and I accepted."

The club plans to introduce students to aviation by holding career workshops with guest speakers and flight simulator trainings with a certified flight instructor. According to Dasho, the club is also discussing potential trips to the Miami Air Traffic Control Center, Fort Lauderdale International Airport and Pompano Beach Airpark Tower.

"As a Certified Flight Instructor and pilot for the past 11 years, I love sharing my life's passion with others," said Dasho. "Aviation has changed my life and hopefully this club will do the same for its members."

# Onshore 13


## April

events by students, for students

**Saturday, April 1**  
**Keys Trip » 5:00 a.m., Florida Keys**  
 Come out for an enjoyable day in the Florida Keys with the SEA Board. Sailing, parasailing, water toys and more.  
 Contact: Sea Board, [sea\\_board@nova.edu](mailto:sea_board@nova.edu), 954-262-7233

**Monday, April 8**  
**Laser Tag » 6:30 p.m., Alvin Sherman Library Quad**  
 Come out and play a few rounds of laser tag.  
 Contact: Sea Board, [sea\\_board@nova.edu](mailto:sea_board@nova.edu), 954-262-7233

Submit your student club or organization's events for the Onshore calendar by emailing: [mi182@nova.edu](mailto:mi182@nova.edu). Only events for students, by students accepted.



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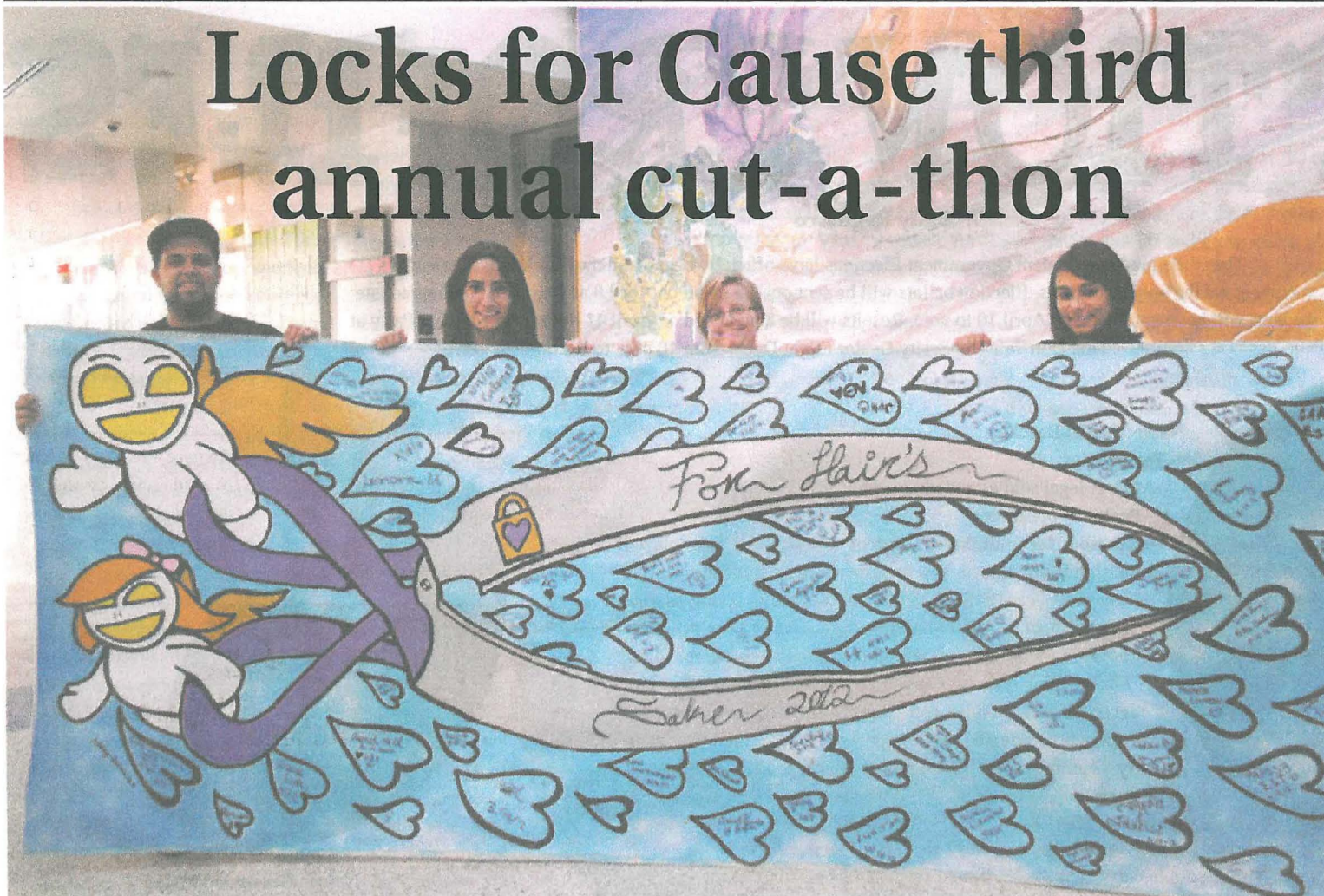
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# Locks for Cause third annual cut-a-thon



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Caption: At the "For Hair's Sake" cut-a-thon in 2012, Locks for Cause collected over 200 ponytails.

By: **Faren Rajkumar**

NSU's student organization Locks for Cause will hold its third annual "For Hair's Sake" cut-a-thon on April 7 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Don Taft University Center Spine, to collect ponytails for Locks of Love.

Founded by junior biology major and cancer survivor Lesly Viera, Locks for Cause raises funds for cancer research and hosts cut-a-thon events. Viera was diagnosed with stage three B-cell lymphoma at age 16, and due to chemotherapy, lost all of her hair. During this time, she also

met many other cancer patients who struggled with hair loss.

"I couldn't imagine how these girls could ever get better without going out with their friends and living their normal lives, just because of hair loss," said Viera. "Although it never bothered me, I could really see the effect it had on them."

So, Viera established Locks for Cause in her senior year of high school and eventually brought it to NSU. She said that she is proud to have collected over 600 ponytails since its inception. At 2012's cut-a-thon, she and her organization collected over 200 ponytails.

All donated ponytails must be at least 6-inches long. Dyed hair, but not bleached, is acceptable. Anyone who is unable to donate his or her hair to Locks for Cause is encouraged to make a financial contribution.

In addition to receiving funding from the Undergraduate Student Government Association, Locks for Cause receives annual support from Shear Designs, a salon in Pembroke Pines, Fla.

Carolyne Gordon, master stylist for Shear Designs, is a two-time cancer survivor and has supported Locks For Cause since 2009. Her salon, and several independent stylists, will of-

fer free haircuts to all donors on the day of the event.

According to Viera, local artist Ivan Jorge Roque will be donating an art piece to Locks for Cause in support of their charitable efforts.

Viera hopes to collect 200 ponytails at the upcoming cut-a-thon, which will be open to NSU students, faculty, staff and members of the community. Students should bring their NSU ID.

For more information about the event or Locks for Cause, contact Viera at lv245@nova.edu.

# New program for students with autism

By: **Faren Rajkumar**

Access Plus, a new NSU-supported college program created by the Mailman Segal Center for students with autism, will begin in the fall 2013 semester.

According to Stephanie Belle, marketing manager for the Division of Applied Interdisciplinary Studies, this program is for academically capable students with autism, and Access Plus will provide them with services to support their academic achievement and to facilitate participation in campus life.

Sue Kabot, director of clinical programs for the Mailman Segal Center, has been working on the program for about three years, in conjunction with the Office of Residential Life and Housing and the Office of Student Disability Services (OSDS). However, unlike present OSDS programs, Access Plus will provide autistic students with more than just academic support.

"Our students will be in the same classes as other NSU students, and, most importantly, will be encouraged to join clubs, participate in campus events and enjoy the full undergraduate college

life," said Kabot.

Each student will be paired with an undergraduate or graduate student mentor, who will assist him or her in getting to classes, joining clubs and organizations, planning weekend activities and keeping his or her dorm room organized.

Weekly workshops will provide students with advice on time management and career training, and daily two-hour study halls will be facilitated by peer mentors and program administrators. The Mailman Segal center is still seeking a space to use as a study hall, as well as a supervisor for the entire program.

Kabot hopes that at least eight students will join Access Plus in the fall semester; the program's launch date may be pushed back if not enough students apply.

"But I would still like to start the program even if less students enroll," said Kabot.

Because Access Plus is a personalized program, the application process requires an in-person, on-campus interview. Students and families will also have the opportunity to tour NSU and learn about the university's academic programs. Prior to the interview, students must apply to

NSU using the standard online application process.

"Students in Access Plus will be like any other NSU student," said Kabot. "They have to go through the regular admissions process and meet the same academic qualifications."

An admissions team for Access Plus will review each student application, and once a student has been accepted into the program, housing and financial aid arrangements can be made.

For individuals who require special living assistance, OSDS will use their most current psycho-educational evaluations and medical reports to determine what accommodations the student is eligible to

receive. Weekly psycho-educational groups will be offered to students to focus on information exchange, skill building and reflection upon individual academic and social progress.

The fee for Access Plus is \$8,000 per semester, which is in addition to NSU's undergraduate tuition. There are several financial assistance options available for students with autism spectrum disorders, including Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Vocational Rehabilitation, Medicaid Waiver, financial aid loans and private scholarships. Pell Grants and Perkins and Stafford Loans may also be used to pay these fees.

For more information, contact the Access Plus office at 954-262-7168 or visit nova.edu/accessplus.

## News Briefs

### McKinley Insurance donates \$50,000 to Business School

The Jim McKinley Endowed Scholarship Fund, created by McKinley Insurance Services, will make annual scholarships available to first generation undergraduate business majors. Students must be enrolled full-time and have a grade point average of at least 2.5. According to McKinley Insurance Services CEO Ralph Campbell, these scholarships will preserve Jim McKinley's legacy and help students who, otherwise, may not be able to attend NSU.

### NSU to recognize campus leaders

The Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement will host the Student Leadership Awards on April 11, from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Don Taft University Center's Performance Theatre. The annual event recognizes campus leaders for their hard work and dedication to NSU. It is free and open to all NSU students, faculty and staff, along with their families and friends. For more information, contact Jodi Jabs, graduate assistant for leadership development, at jj893@nova.edu or 954-262-8459.

### NSU earns President's National Honor Roll for Community Service

On March 4, NSU was one of 690 universities awarded the 2013 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll by the Corporation for National and Community Service. This award is the highest honor a university can earn for its commitment to volunteering, service-learning and civic engagement. Additionally, NSU is one of 37 universities nationwide to be recognized both with "high research activity" and the Community Engagement Classification by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

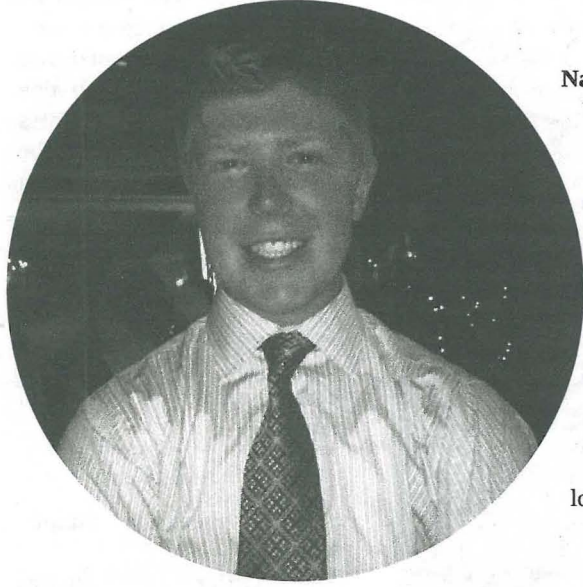
### Final winter semester Faculty Lecture

The last Faculty Lecture of the winter semester will explore Berlin in the 20th Century, hosted by the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences. Stephen Levitt, associate professor in the Division of Humanities, will present a lecture entitled "Life and Death in 20th Century Berlin" on April 18 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the second floor gallery of the Alvin Sherman Library. NSU students, faculty and staff are invited to the free lecture, which will be followed by refreshments.

# ELECTION PROFILES

By: Saily Regueiro

The Undergraduate Student Government Elections have officially begun and the Shark Initiative Party's members are the only candidates. Election ballots will be sent out via email on April 8 at 1 p.m. and undergraduate students will have until noon on April 10 to vote. Results will be announced on April 11 during the Election Party at the Don Taft University Center Flight Deck, from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.



**Name:** Daniel Brookins  
**Year:** junior  
**Major:** legal studies and philosophy  
**Position:** president

**Reason for running:** "Student Government has played a significant role in my experience as a student. This is my third year on SGA, and I am currently serving as vice president of legislative affairs. I am running for president because I will represent the students and advocate for them. I am running because I have four major initiatives I desire to accomplish. I am running because I am surrounded by a group of incredibly talented student leaders on The Shark Initiative Party. But, most of all, I am running because I'm a Shark and I love my school."



**Name:** Benjamin Herrin  
**Year:** junior  
**Major:** legal studies

**Position:** vice president of legislative affairs  
**Reason for running:** "I am pursuing my third term in SGA because I want to continue being a part of an exciting and dynamic group of young leaders that have the interests of the students in mind. I have been very fortunate to have already served two years as a commuter senator and presently as an IOC senator. I have sponsored a variety of legislation ranging from bills, to grant organization funding for events, to budget guidelines reform, and even a constitutional amendment. I want to take all my experience and continue to drive positive change on campus for our students."



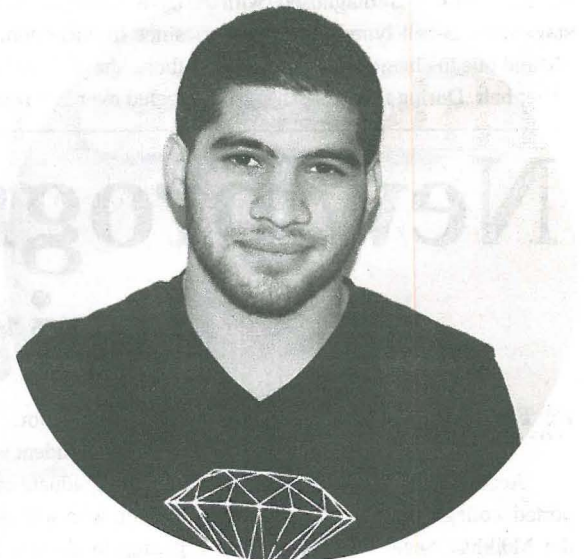
**Name:** Kelly Scott  
**Year:** sophomore

**Major:** athletic training  
**Position:** vice president of judicial affairs  
**Reason for running:** "I am running for VPJ because it's a position that requires a lot of internal work within SGA. I want to help make this upcoming senate the best NSU has ever seen. I want to help run an efficient and effective SGA so that we can provide for the students of NSU."



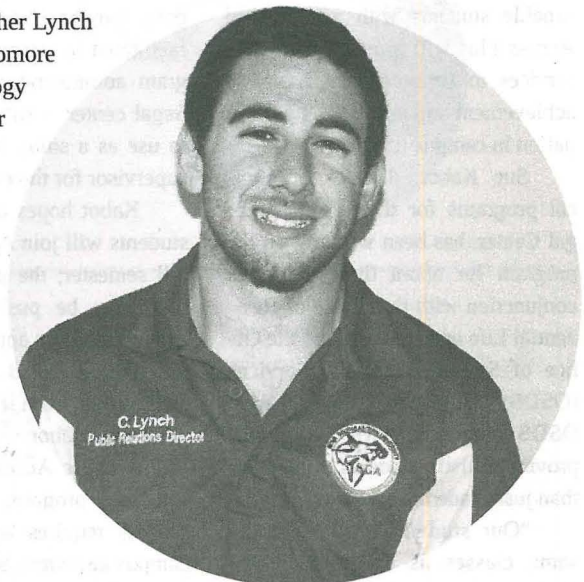
**Name:** Barbara Rosso  
**Year:** junior  
**Major:** accounting and finance  
**Position:** treasurer

**Reason for running:** "I'm running for treasurer because I have found it to be a great accomplishment, through SGA support and collaboration, to be able to help students and student organizations achieve their goals. I want to see this campus grow bigger and better, especially when it comes to student life, and I feel being an SGA member is the best way to be part of the change."



**Name:** Kyle Marimon  
**Year:** freshman

**Major:** computer science  
**Position:** public relations director  
**Reason for running:** "I have a creative mindset and bring a professional approach to public relations. Being a chief executive officer in a web start-up and entrepreneur has helped me gain valuable experience in marketing and management."



**Name:** Christopher Lynch  
**Year:** sophomore  
**Major:** biology

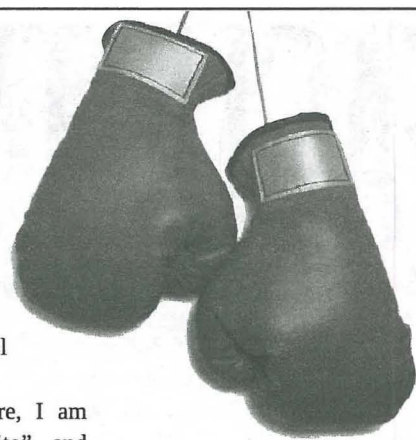
**Position:** campus entertainment director  
**Reason for running:** "I have a lot of experience with planning, as well as coordinating, large-scale events, and I would love to bring and apply such experiences here at NSU. Many NSU students claim that NSU does not feel like a 'real university', or that they are not getting the 'real college experience'. I hope to change that by attempting to increase Shark pride, as well as expanding SGA's presence on campus."



**Name:** Banshi Savla  
**Year:** freshman  
**Major:** biology  
**Position:** executive secretary

**Reason for running:** "I want to increase networking between SGA and students, organizations and administration; work extensively with leadership development; and support the Shark Initiative to increase shark pride, revolutionize organizational funding, and improve upon current services, such as financial aid and academic services."

# Diary of... a boxer



By: **Maeva Paolini**

Maeva Paolini is a second-year graduate student, earning a master's degree in international business. Paolini has had to face many challenges in moving from France to Florida. Now, as a boxer, she uses that same drive and dedication to gain the advantage over her opponents.

"Where there's a will, there's a way." This saying is one of the best ways to describe who I am in a few words. I feel I have always fought for what I wanted.

Since I was a child, I've always had a lot of energy. In middle school, I used to run after the boys and hit



Maeva Paolini puts her skill and hard work to the test as a boxer.

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them. You might think this is weird; I do, too, now. But, I suppose, it was a preview of what my life would turn out to be after all.

I would say I am a dream-chaser and a fighter. As I was growing up, my dad and I would talk about what it would be like if we could grow his company, Station Coiffure, internationally. My dad is a talented French hair stylist, who decided to take it to the next level by becoming an entrepreneur and starting his own business and hair salons from scratch. Even though my dad was raised by a single mother under poor financial conditions, he has never considered his goals impossible.

After months of English classes, exams and hard work, I finally created a bridge between my hometown, Nice, France, and the U.S., as I was accepted into the bachelor of business program at NSU. Our family project is still ongoing and I am still working hard to fulfill our dreams.

My dad has always been my inspiration. This project, of building a global business together, along with his ongoing support, has given me the strength to fight for my dreams.

The fighter aspect of my personality also comes from many other factors. You would not believe how many people doubted and judged my decision to move abroad. In a way, I wanted to prove everybody wrong and prove that, with hard work and motivation, anything can be accomplished. I guess I needed a bigger challenge than what was presented to me at the time. And oh my, it's been challenging. Up to three jobs at a time, on top of school — who says it can't be done?

And out of nowhere, the 5-foot, 1-inch French little athletic thing that I am got introduced to boxing. I was actually looking for a gym to enroll in, as I had just moved to a new area. While I was driving on Biscayne Boulevard, I saw a big red sign, reading "Biscayne Boxing".

All of a sudden, I thought "this is it", so I pulled over, entered the gym and met Mickey Demos. Mickey is an amazing coach and fighter, who showed me the gym and taught me about boxing. I quickly

fell in love with the sport. Great work ethics and dedication is the etiology of boxing, so I really feel right at home.

Three years later here, I am nicknamed "The Mosquito" and punching harder than boys, though I don't chase them anymore. Mickey gave me that nickname because, like a mosquito, I'm little, yet fast. However, I used to be bothered by this comparison; therefore, Mickey used to purposely call me "the mosquito" out loud, in front of everyone, in order to make me mad, so I would punch even harder and quicker.

It was the beginning of a long journey. Boxing is now part of who I am, and, despite my girly looks and the lack of scars and bruises on my face, I box four to five times a week. Now my goal is to become more involved in the community and share my passion and interest for that sport, especially teaching others that boxing is no more dangerous than any other sport when taught properly.

I met with the owner of Biscayne Boxing to discuss the possibility to bringing boxing to colleges. Many well-known schools, such as the University of Miami and Florida International University, have created boxing clubs within their institutions, but more involvement is needed for these wonderful athletes to get more recognition and, hope-

fully, scholarships.

As a member of the NSU community, I wanted to do something here, too, in this never-ending growing and expanding school that I am proud to still be part of. I created the NSU Boxing Club, of which I'm the president, and many students have shown interest and have already signed up. But I hope many more Sharks will join and spread the love.

We have the unique opportunity to work with the best coaches, like Dwaine Simpson and his son, Guy Simpson. Dwaine had an amazing career as a professional boxer and was a Florida Boxing Hall of Famer in 2011. He was also known to train many young world champions through his youth boxing program. He is now going to help NSU boxing club make its mark in this sport's history. We also have Bonnie Canino, a two-time world champion who has a tremendous influence in women boxing and is ready to help our club grow.

Anybody ready for a life-changing experience is welcome to come out and join the NSU Boxing Club. Contact me at [maeva@nova.edu](mailto:maeva@nova.edu).

## This week in history

By: **Maria Yunez Cansing**

**March 31**  
**1889**

The Eiffel Tower was inaugurated in Paris as the entrance to the 1889 World's Fair. At 1,063 feet, it was the tallest tower in the world at the time of its completion and, today, is the most-visited paid monument in the world. An estimated 200 million people have visited it.

**April 2**  
**1972**

British comedic actor and filmmaker Charlie Chaplin returned to the U.S. after 20 years of self-imposed exile. He was accused of "un-American activities" and only returned to accept an Honorary Oscar at the Academy Awards, for which he received a 12-minute standing ovation.

**April 4**  
**1964**

The Beatles occupied twelve positions on the Billboard Hot 100 pop chart, including the top five. The no. 1 hit was "Can't Buy Me Love", followed by "Twist and Shout", "She Loves You", "I Want to Hold Your Hand" and "Please Please Me".

**April 6**  
**1924**

The first Tony Awards, fully named the Antoinette Perry Award for Excellence in Theatre, were presented at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City, in recognition of Broadway theater achievements. There were only 11 awards and winners received a scroll, cigarette lighter and jewelry or money clips.

**April 1**  
**1976**

Steve Jobs, Steve Wozniak and Ronald Wayne founded Apple Computer, Inc. — now called Apple, Inc. — with the release of their Apple 1 personal computer kit, later sold for \$666. Today, the company is the second-largest information technology company in the world, by revenue, after Samsung Electronics.

**April 3**  
**1968**

Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his famous last speech, commonly named "I've been to the Mountaintop", in a Memphis, Tenn. church, less than 24 hours before he was assassinated. In his speech, King spoke of the injustices done to Memphis's sanitation workers, and even discussed his own immortality, as he received many death threats.

**April 5**  
**1994**

Rock icon Kurt Cobain committed suicide at age 27 with a self-inflicted shotgun to his head, after struggling with heroin addiction and depression. Cobain was the lead singer, guitarist and songwriter for the rock band Nirvana, which has sold over 50 million albums worldwide.

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# FACULTY SPOTLIGHT:

# LENORE WALKER

By: Saily Regueiro

When Lenore Walker started studying psychology over 40 years ago, she never expected to be credited for discovering battered woman syndrome.

Walker is a professor at NSU's Center for Psychological Studies and the coordinator of the clinical forensic psychology concentration.

Originally from the Bronx, New York, Walker grew up during the 1950s and 1960s when it was assumed that women would grow up to become teachers or nurses.

"It wasn't expected that women were going to work and they were certainly not going to have a career, so I was going to become a school teacher," said Walker.

Walker enrolled at Hunter College in Manhattan with the intent of becoming a school teacher. However, she soon learned that the school did not offer an education major, so she decided to study psychology.

After graduating with a bachelor's degree in psychology, she decided to continue her education and enrolled at the City College of New York, where she received her master's degree in education.

Walker then moved to New Jersey where she thought about becoming a school psychologist — a job that would allow her to blend education and psychology. But, at that time, a specialist or doctorate degree was required to become a school psychologist in New Jersey. So Walker decided to attend Rutgers University, where she received her doctorate in school psychology.

After her time as a school psychologist, Walker continued to work with children at the Rutgers University's mental health center, where was asked to run psychology programs.

"I was designing innovative programs to really help these children do well in school. We also brought them to the clinic and did therapy. It was really exciting," said Walker.

She also began to notice behavior patterns, which were linked to abuse in the home. After meeting with some of her clients' mothers, she noticed that they displayed some of the same symptoms as the children and continued to investigate the patterns of abuse more closely.

Three years later, Walker moved to Denver, Colo. to work at Colorado Women's College. While in Denver, she wrote a research grant, entitled "Battered Woman Syndrome", for the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH).

"I called it battered woman syndrome because, for children, it was called child abuse syndrome. I didn't think twice about that. Turns out, I named a whole phenomenon," said Walker.

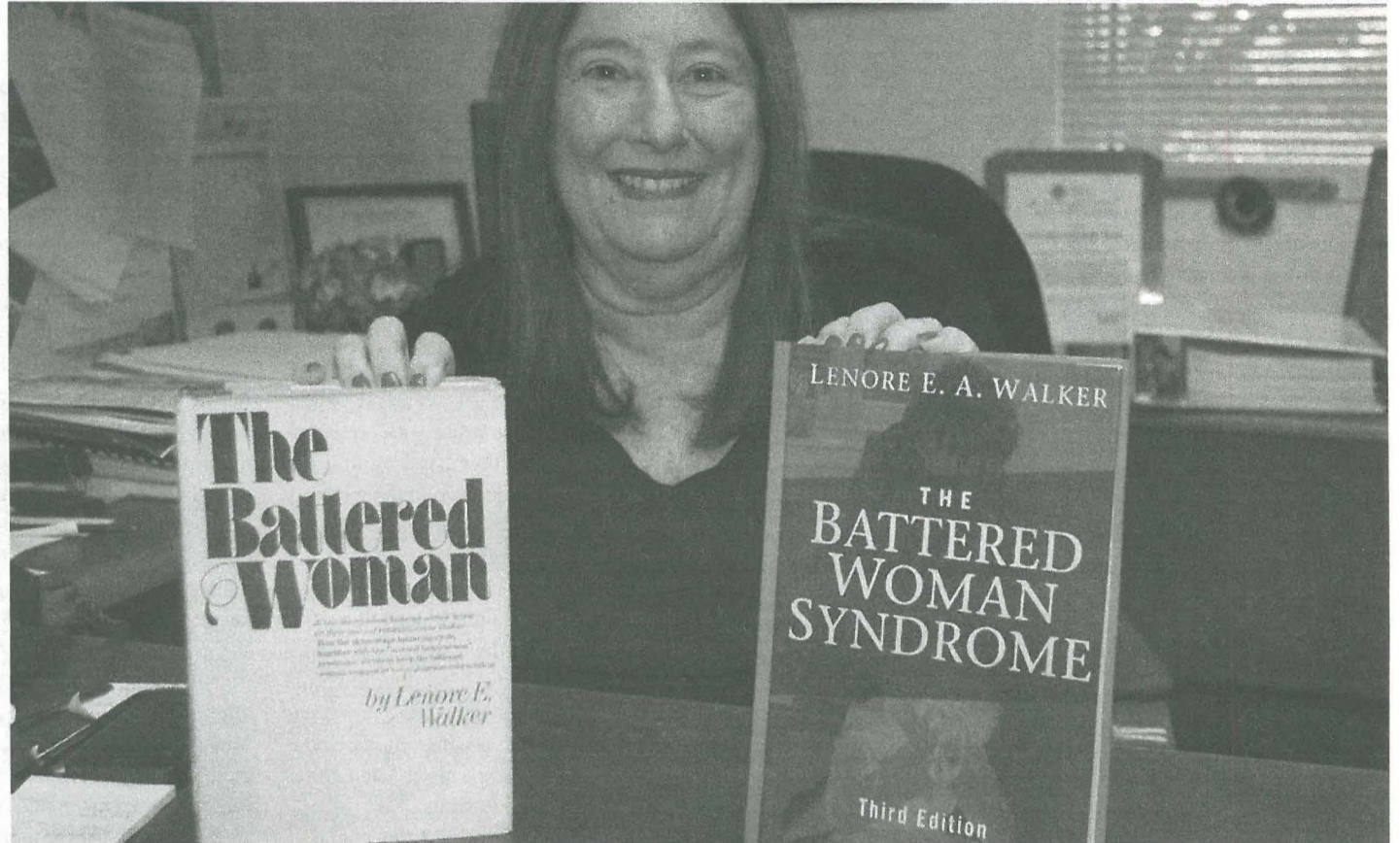
After about a year, the grant was approved and Walker was funded \$250,000 to continue her research. She was even recommended by Congresswoman Patricia Schroder to travel to London and learn about the research that was being done there.

In London, Walker met with members of parliament and saw firsthand how clinicians were putting theories of working with battered women into practice.

"Here I am, three years out of graduate school, going to England, I get picked up by someone from her magistrates service and was taken all over looking at the battered women's shelters," said Walker.

Once she returned to the U.S., Walker met with congress and debriefed legislators on all the information she learned in England. With the new information and the research grant, Walker set out to research the psychological effects of battered woman syndrome. Congress also started setting up battered women shelters across the country.

In 1982, after publishing the first edition



Lenore Walker has written three editions of her book "The Battered Woman Syndrome".

COURTESY OF L. WALKER

of her book, "The Battered Woman", Walker opened her own practice. By then, Walker was being called to testify in courts on behalf of battered women who had killed their abusive partners and were claiming self-defense.

"I was able to use my work on battered woman syndrome to testify, in my professional opinion, that they were abused, had battered woman syndrome and were in danger of being killed," said Walker.

Walker also had a part in the O.J. Simpson case. She was hired by Johnny Cochran, Simpson's defense attorney, to help understand the domestic violence in the case. Walker gave a deposition in the criminal case, but because psychological testimony was never placed in the criminal case, she did not testify.

In 1995, Walker moved to South Florida and worked for the public defender's office in Broward County. She met Ray Ferrero, NSU's fifth president and he offered her a position working alongside Dean Levant, the former dean of the center for psychology, to get students involved with the misdemeanor mental health court in Broward County.

Walker became a full-time professor in 1997. Since then, she has helped develop new programs, such as a new masters program in forensic psychology.

"We are growing and I think we are meeting the needs of the community. Our psychologists and Ph.D. students all get internships. One hundred percent of my students got internships this year," said Walker.

Currently, Walker is working on a book about the best practices in criminal justice. She also teaches courses on forensic psychology and gender violence and supervises students in clinical training.

For students interested in the psychology field, Walker said that the best preparation is to become an avid reader and a people person.

"Reading is essential. The more you read, the more speed reading and comprehension increases. Also, psychology is really about getting people to learn about themselves. You have to know about yourself and also spending time with people and getting to know them," said Walker.



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# Athlete of the week:

## Abbey Gittings

By: **Chris Hoffman**

A lot of people use golf as a way to schmooze over perspective business partners. But for others, such as Abbey Gittings, golf is more than just a casual day on the course; it's her passion.

The Tamworth, England native has been playing since her grandfather bought her a set of clubs when she was 5 years old. She has been hooked ever since and hopes to make it her career.

Gittings, an NSU junior and sport and recreation management major, said that she has improved her game since moving to Davie to play for the Sharks in fall 2009.

During her first semester, she played in four tournaments, coming in the top 10 in two of them. Her second semester had its ups and downs, finishing as high as fourth at the Sunshine State Conference Championships and finishing as low as 39th at the Hoya Women's Invitational. But, by the end of the year, Gittings was awarded with the SSC Freshman of the Year award and the NCAA Division II National Freshman of the

Year award.

Gittings's success on the course continued in the 2010-2011 season. In the fall, she finished third in the NSU Shark Invitational. Gittings avenged her 39th place finish at the Hoya Women's Invitational by placing fourth overall, helping the Sharks win the entire tournament. Her biggest finish of the season was when she placed second with a score of 217(+1) in the NCAA South Regional tournament. Gittings was selected to the National Golf Coaches Association Division II First-Team All-American.

Gittings' junior year was one that most athletes only dream about. She placed in the top 10 in 10 out of 11 tournaments. At the end of the year, she was named the NGCA/PING National Player of the year, SSC Female Athlete of the Year and the SSC Player of the year. She was also awarded spots on the NGCA Division II All-America First-Team, Capital One CoSIDA Academic All-District First-Team and on the All-

SSC First-Team.

I sat down with Gittings to ask her a few questions:

**What is your best memory in golf?**  
I would say winning Nationals last year.

**What is your best accomplishment in your career?**  
My best accomplishment would have to be winning Player of the Year last year.

**What do you think the team has to do in order to repeat as National Champions?**  
I think that we can't become complacent. We have the number one ranking so we can't slack and we have to keep working hard.

**What is the hardest part about being a student-athlete?**  
Having to manage your time. It's really easy to get behind. You have to plan everything out so that you can

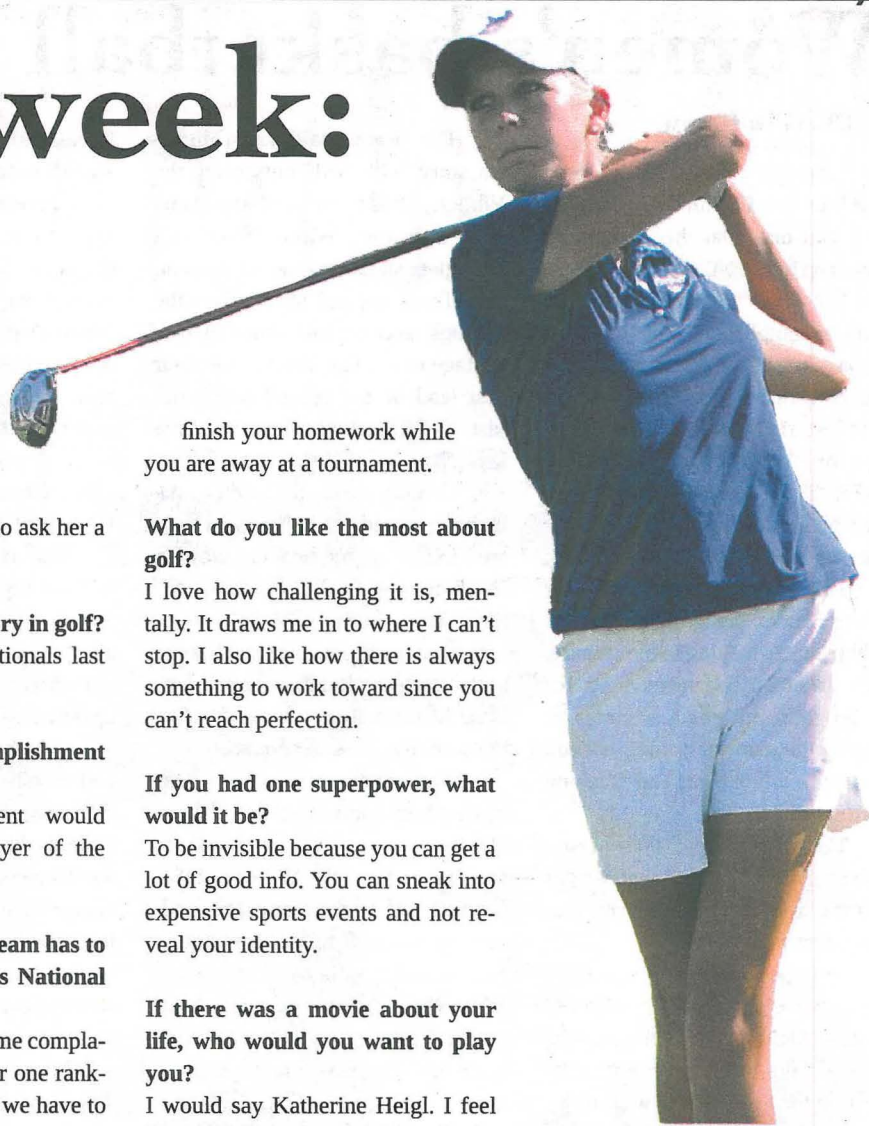
finish your homework while you are away at a tournament.

**What do you like the most about golf?**  
I love how challenging it is, mentally. It draws me in to where I can't stop. I also like how there is always something to work toward since you can't reach perfection.

**If you had one superpower, what would it be?**  
To be invisible because you can get a lot of good info. You can sneak into expensive sports events and not reveal your identity.

**If there was a movie about your life, who would you want to play you?**  
I would say Katherine Heigl. I feel like she's like me; everything always seems to go wrong.

**If you had an all-expenses paid trip, where would you go?**  
Hawaii. I've been there before and thought it was beautiful. I didn't get



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Women's golfer Abbey Gittings is looking to win back to back National Championships.

to see it as much as I wanted so I would love to go back.



# ON THE BENCH

Commentary by: **Aadil Vora**

I will be the first to admit that I have never been to an NSU women's basketball game. Too often, I excuse myself because I'm too busy with classes or I don't know of any friends attending the games. But in the special excitement surrounding NSU's recent historical win at the NCAA Division II South Region Championship, I have come to the realization that there really aren't any valid excuses for neglecting our athletic teams.

Students of all types — undergraduate, graduate, commuter and residential — can find a way to support our athletic teams, and ultimately, our school. Many students use our Division II standing as an excuse to skip games. But in just the past few years, NSU athletics have made leaps in the collegiate sporting world. Not only did NSU have the honor of hosting its first ever NCAA national tournament this year, but the Shark's won and advanced to the Elite Eight to compete in San Antonio, Texas.

NSU golf has also earned acclaim by winning championships at the Sunshine State Conference consistently. And Sharks' swimming teams have garnered attention across the nation and even the world, with junior Esau Simpson's participation in the 2012 Summer Olympics.

If anything, our Division II standing and small school size en-

ables the NSU community to be more intimate and personal with our teams and athletes. We get the unique opportunity to root for amazing players from courtside seats and meet head coaches in line at Starbucks.

Many students have found that, unconsciously, the term "collegiate athletics" typically brings to mind male sports teams, especially football. Men's football is a hallmark of many large, traditional American universities, and, moreover, male athletics dominate in professional and collegiate sports.

In fact, I have only attended NSU men's basketball games. Maybe it's coincidental, or maybe I am another perpetrator of the inaccurate stereotype that men's sports are better sports.

NSU's award-winning women's teams have not only shattered that stereotype with their gold, silver and bronze hardware, but they also contribute a unique aspect to our college experience. NSU is not the typical American university and instead of trying to turn it into the University of Miami or UC Berkeley, students should take pride in its individuality.

Students at NSU should support athletic teams because when NSU hosts conferences that invite other universities from around the nation to compete, our school benefits by gaining visibility. Similarly, when our athletic teams travel, NSU and

Shark pride goes with them, reaching prospective students in other states more effectively.

As NSU continues to grow tremendously, athletic teams are taking off and students must exemplify Shark pride. President George Hanbury said at a town hall meeting in January that students and faculty are truly what bring distinction to our school. With every win of an athletic team, theater cast and student researcher, an NSU degree grows in value.

So, it is not only imperative for students to support athletics, but also to applaud for performers in Premier Series productions of dance and theater, attend the Undergraduate Student Symposiums and participate in club fairs.

As a school of students with a multitude of strengths, our campus community will only become stronger as we recognize each other's accomplishments.

The simplest way to strengthen the campus community and build a lifelong memory of your college experience is to be another fin in a sea of "Fins-Up!"s.

And if you do not know how a game is scored or do not follow sports, play "I spy" while you encourage your team. All that matters is that the stands are full and the cheers are loud enough to blow any opposing team away.



## On Deck

Weekly Sports Schedule

<p><b>Thursday 4.4</b></p> <p><b>Tennis</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>NSU Tennis Complex, 2 p.m.</p> </div> <p><b>Track and Field</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>All Day</p> </div> <p><b>Thursday 4.5</b></p> <p><b>Baseball</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Palm Beach Atlantic, 6 p.m.</p> </div> <p><b>Softball</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Saint Leo University, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.</p> </div> <p><b>Rowing</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Sarasota, Fla., Evening</p> </div> <p><b>Saturday 4.6</b></p> <p><b>Softball</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Sarasota, Fla., All Day</p> </div>	<p><b>Tennis</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>NSU Tennis Complex, 10 a.m.</p> </div> <p><b>Baseball</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Palm Beach Atlantic, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.</p> </div> <p><b>Softball</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>AD Griffin Sports Complex, 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.</p> </div> <p><b>Monday 4.8</b></p> <p><b>Golf</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Beallsville, Md., All Day</p> </div>
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# Women's basketball season comes to an end

By: **Chris Hoffman**

Women's basketball Head Coach LeAnn Freeland said that the team had one goal this season: to play deep in the NCAA tournament.

The NSU women's basketball team accomplished that goal by making it to the Elite Eight in San Antonio, Texas. The Sharks ended their historic season with a loss to Western Washington University, 80-76. They bounced back from a 17-point deficiency to send the game into overtime.

This season was the best ever for the Sharks, being one of the last eight teams remaining in the country. They accomplished many firsts for the program, including winning an NCAA tournament game, hosting a regional tournament and reaching the Elite Eight.

The Sharks ended their season with a record of 23-9, six more wins than the team had last year in Freeland's first year at NSU.

NSU got off to a slow start in their Elite Eight matchup with the Western Washington Vikings. The Vikings were up by as many as 17 points in the first half and were up by 13 points at halftime, 42-29. Western Washington shot 68 percent in the first half, while the Sharks only hit 40 percent of their shots.

The second half was a different story, with NSU outscoring the Vikings, 39-26, to send the game into overtime. While NSU still struggled, shooting only 41 percent, its defense stepped up to lower the Vikings' second half shooting percentage to 44. The Sharks took their first lead of the second half, with just over 5 minutes remaining, on a layup by senior Tailor Jones.

Coming down the stretch, the teams swapped points back and forth with NSU up by two on Western Washington's final possession. Viking senior Corinn Waltrip tied the game with a highly-contested layup with 7.6 seconds left in regulation. NSU had two shots fall short before the second half buzzer sounded.

The overtime period was more of the same from the Sharks, shooting a lower percentage from the floor than the Vikings. NSU found itself in foul trouble, sending the Vikings to the free throw line seven times in overtime alone, while the Sharks were not able to get to the free throw line in overtime. By the final buzzer, seniors Meixandra Porter and Tailor Jones had played 41 and 39 minutes, respectively, combining for a total of 35 points. Sophomore Danielle Robinson and junior Amanda

Burakoski contributed 18 points and 16 points, respectively.

Freeland said, "It was a great opportunity for us to be able to showcase NSU on a national stage. A lot of our sports have done so well. Women's golf, men's golf, the swimmers and our rowing team all represent. Just to have the opportunity to take basketball to the next level here was a great experience for our ladies and a great building experience for the future."

The road to the NCAA Division II Elite Eight was not easy for the Sharks. They faced tough opposition all year, including three Division II ranked teams and an exhibition game against the University of Miami.

While the Sharks fell to Miami and number 13 Shaw University, they beat conference rivals and top 25 ranked teams Rollins College and the University of Tampa. Over the course of the season, NSU showed its strength when playing at home, having an overall record of 14-2, with three key victories in the NCAA South Regional tournament, which was hosted at the Arena at the Don Taft University Center.

Peter Finley, associate professor of sport and recreation management at the H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship, said,



TAKEN BY C. HOFFMAN

Razor welcomes back the NSU women's basketball team after their Elite Eight appearance in San Antonio, Texas.

"I think the best thing is that this tournament revealed what we are capable of as a campus, in terms of supporting our student-athletes with passion and pride. I hope we recognize the tipping-point potential and that everyone, including students, staff, faculty and administrators, makes a great effort to replicate the attendance numbers, cheering and

enthusiasm going forward."

Freeland described this year's incredible season in one word: "challenging."

"We moved in the right direction and we were challenged throughout the season," she said. "We certainly did take the program to the next level."

## Kevin Preciado, you will be missed

By: **Andre Escobar**

Most athletes dream of retiring when they're on top, à la Bill Russell, John Elway, Rocky Marciano, Jerome Bettis or, more recently, Ray Lewis.

Well this past weekend, an NSU star alumnus retired in the prime of his life. Kevin Rafael Preciado suffered from a bad cold late Saturday, March 23, when his parents took him to the hospital for fear of dehydration. The doctors decided to keep Kevin overnight for precautionary reasons.

Early the next day, around 1a.m., doctors noticed irregularities in his heart and rushed him to the intensive care unit. Shortly after, Kevin passed away. His heart was already weak due to his muscular dystrophy, and the combination of everything was just too much.

It's ironic that it was his heart that gave up because anyone who knows Kevin would describe him by talking about his heart. I'm sure everyone who knows Kevin has a story about how he showed his love. If you needed something and he had it, he wouldn't hesitate to help you out.

To me, Kevin was a good friend. He was the kind of friend that you wanted for a lifetime. I enjoyed watching sports with him. Whether it was going to a Panthers game or watching Monday Night Football at his house, I enjoyed being around him. He was a classic comedian; he always had his one-liners. He called himself a "sit-up comedian."

One thing I never heard from



TAKEN BY J. TRAIL

Kevin Preciado had a huge heart and was passionate about helping those in need.

Kevin was a complaint about his situation. I never saw him down or upset. In fact, he was the one to cheer people up. He never let his disability hold him back from accomplishing his goals or being his true self. He accomplished so much in the short time he was with us. He was proud of his volunteer work with the Muscular Dystrophy Association, as he often attended walkathons, telethons and shirts-off-your-back fundraisers. While attending NSU, he completed an internship with the Special Olympics.

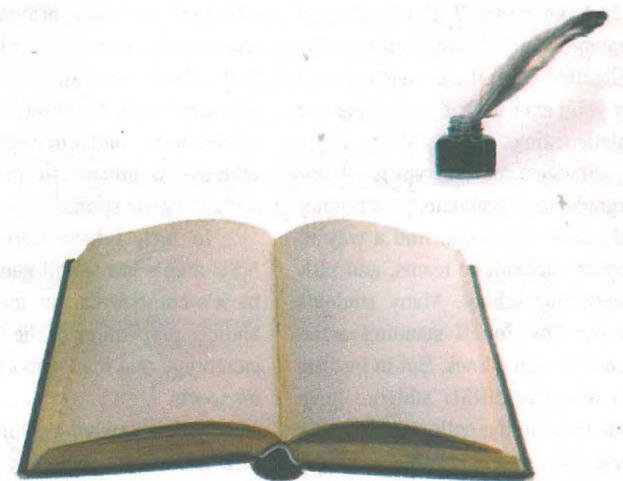
Kevin always put the interest of others before his own. That's why nobody should be surprised

that Kevin was pursuing a career in non-profit work. He was most proud of being the sports editor for the student-run newspaper, The Current. Kevin looked forward to interviewing coaches and NSU athletes in hopes of raising student pride and support for NSU athletics. He received his bachelor's degree in business administration with a minor in sports management.

Even though he accomplished so much, he still had so much more to conquer. Like all other greats that left at their prime, Kevin left us wanting more. I'm sure I speak for many when I say, Kevin, you will be missed, but never forgotten.

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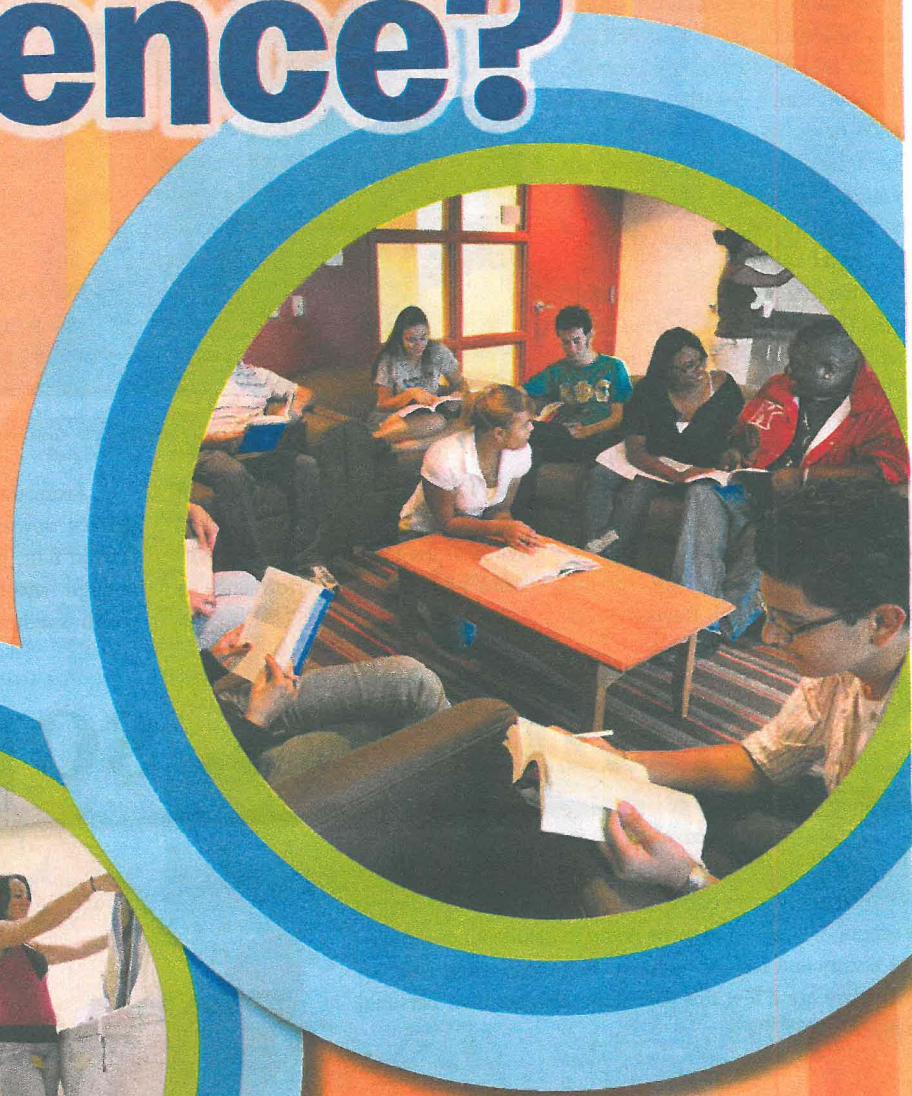
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# “Oz” makes an old classic new again

By: **Andre Jensen**

The Disney movie “Oz the Great and Powerful”, directed by Sam Raimi of “Spiderman” fame, tells the story of carnival magician Oscar Zoroaster Diggs, nicknamed Oz and played by James Franco.

Upon fleeing his carnival in a hot air balloon to escape the strongman husband of one of his illicit lovers, Oz is whisked away by a tornado to a land, which, whether by coincidence or design, is also called Oz. There, he embarks upon a grand adventure that leads to him becoming the legendary Wonderful Wizard of Oz, and a better man.

“Oz the Great and Powerful” is not the world’s first attempt at re-making the 1939 classic “The Wizard of Oz”, but it is likely the best of them. The viewer’s trip into the land of Oz is a sight to see, with great sets and wonderful use of computer-generated imagery (CGI) that does not over power the senses.

The performances are, for the most part, well-acted. Rachel Weisz



Actors Rachel Weisz, Michelle Williams, James Franco and Mila Kunis bring a new twist to the classic Oz tale.

stars as Evanora the Wicked Witch of the West, Milia Kunis is the Wicked Witch of the East, and Michelle Williams gives a noble performance as Glinda the Good Witch.

From the creative opening sequence onward, the film is full of artistic flair, plots of heart and just enough suspense to make it all worth watching.

The Technicolor palette and production design are beautiful. While many of the backdrops are CGI, according to Entertainment Weekly, 30 full sets were built for the film, which

brought a nice sense of realism.

One example is when a character named China Girl, who’s voiced by Joey King, begs Oz to let her come along on his witch hunt. During that scene, the Yellow Brick Road, the wooden sign and the stalks of corn are all real. Only China Girl, Oz’s flying monkey sidekick and the sky are CGI.

Because of the excellent CGI effects, the actors never look as if they are confused as to where they are or what is in front of them, as was the case in “Avatar”. They always seem perfectly integrated into the world of the film.

The movie’s score, from music director Danny Elfman, is excellent, especially with the beautiful theme used for the music box and Theodora’s waltz.

Overall, “Oz the Great and Powerful” is an enjoyable movie, perfect for families. It’s fun and surprisingly touching, with a story that works well.

## Summer vs. sophisticated style

By: **Danielle Yokemick**

Whether you’re going home for the summer or staying at school, it’s important to be ready to handle all of the special beauty and fashion demands that come along with the heat. Here are a few tips for impeccable summer personal maintenance.

### Beauty

During the summer, many students spend all day in the sun and all night out with friends. So, knowing how to quickly utilize different beauty advice is crucial for anyone that is always on the go.

Think long-term with a gel shellac manicure that won’t chip away as fast as a regular polish manicure. A mixture of gold and peach makeup is best for a sun-kissed look. The next step is to finish this look with either a dramatic lip color, such as “lady in danger” from MAC cosmetics, or an exaggerated top and bottom eyeliner in bold colors, such as jet black or rich plum.



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MAC cosmetic’s “lady in danger” lipstick is perfect for a dramatic look.



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This spray gives hair a relaxed, beachy look and feel.

### Hair

It can be easy to forget how much abuse hair takes during this time of year, especially with the exposure to ultraviolet rays. Between the sun, straightening irons and over-washing, it’s important to not forget to give your locks some extra love this season.

Try to air dry when ever possible, instead of adding heat from a blow drier. Not Your Mother’s Beach Babe is a spray that can be purchased for \$6 or less at any convenience store, and can change anyone’s attitude about natural beach waves. The spray smells great and provides a healthy hair style for the summer — not to mention how quick and easy it makes everyday hair care.

Have some extra ingredients lying around the kitchen? Make a quick mask that will easily add some nutrients and shine to dull hair. Avocado is great for dryness and olive oil is the savior of split ends. Mixing one of these ingredients with eggs, aloe or honey will be the solution to a number of bad hair days.

### Style

“Highlighter colors” have taken over for style in the upcoming summer season. Nothing plays off of a neutral outfit quite like a pair of neon heels or a fluorescent accessory.

Floral prints are also essential for the warmer months. Whether it’s floral-patterned shirts or pants, this trend is a must. Most people view florals as romantic, but for braver trendsetters, pairing a floral print with a leather jacket or studded belt can be a fierce look.

Two items that should be added to every college student’s wardrobe are a white t-shirt and a hat. Whether for grocery shopping or a lunch date, a white t-shirt and a fedora is a nice dress up or dress down idea for any outfit, depending on how you “rock” it.

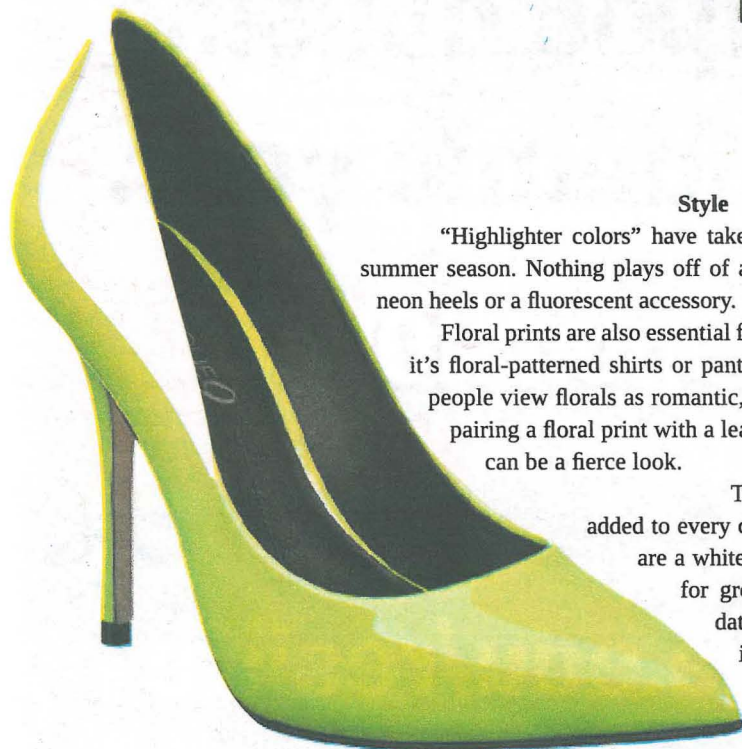


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### Skin

A sunburn is not a cute look for anyone seeking summer fun. It’s important to apply an SPF to protect sensitive skin. Let’s be honest. Most people know well in advanced if they’re going to burn or not. Just put on some extra sunscreen to keep yourself out of a pickle.

Speaking of pickles, if the sun-kissed look was slightly over-achieved, resulting in a red hot burn, home ingredients can come to the rescue. Pickle juice is particularly effective in soothing a sunburn. Place a little bit of pickle juice on a cloth and apply directly to the burn. Its vinegar will provide comfort and instant relief.



Neon heels are fun and playful.

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# “Let Sleeping Dogs Lie”: The story of a Nazi descendant

By: **Faren Rajkumar**

There are shelves upon shelves of books about Holocaust victims and survivors, both non-fiction and fiction. The scope and implications of the tragedy will never be forgotten. But what of stories about those people on the “other side”; those who dispensed the infamous injustice?

In the provocative novel “Let Sleeping Dogs Lie”, a story about a German descendant of a Nazi, Mirjam Pressler explores the lesser-told legacy of the Nazis’ historical sins.

When wealthy 18-year old Johanna Riemescheider travels to Israel for a class project and stumbles upon evidence of her grandfather’s

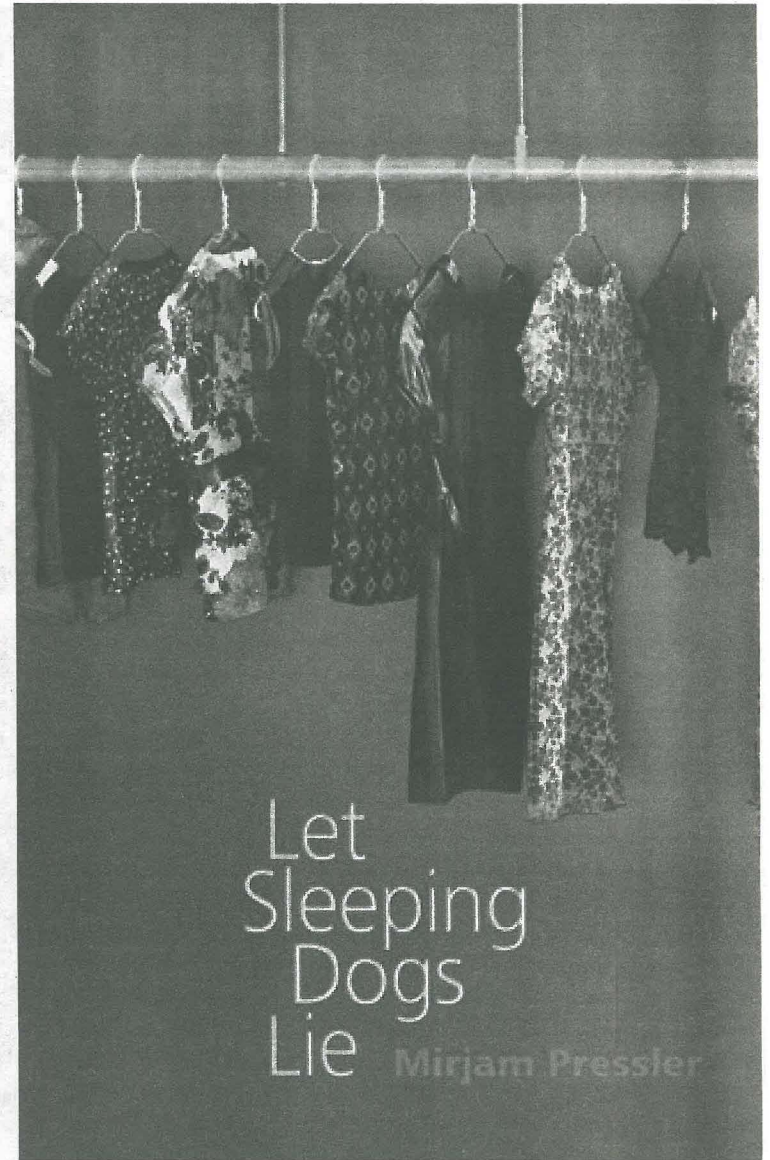
dark involvement in World War II, she is highly disturbed; her family’s great fortune is actually stolen wealth from innocent people as per anti-Semitic laws of the Third Reich.

Johanna expresses an interest in deferring college and returning to Israel to find a way to personally atone for her grandfather’s sins, and her father becomes enraged and her boyfriend grows distant.

Not long after, Johanna’s grandfather commits suicide and she receives a huge inheritance sum from him. Unsure what to do with the “dirty” money, Johanna finds herself troubled with guilt that isn’t hers to feel.

Pressler’s novel is almost an

impassioned plea for forgiveness from those with Nazis in their family tree. It is somber and awash with apologies, but also defiant in the form of Johanna’s narration. Her predicament is a gripping one, told with sad practicality and sensitivity. She is young and unabashed and, at first, she seems incapable of pity or remorse. To witness the transformation of her character is to begin to understand the mentality of an entire group of people whom are historically condemned as villains without souls. This intriguing novel presents a well-known aspect of history, but from a perspective that is seldom told.



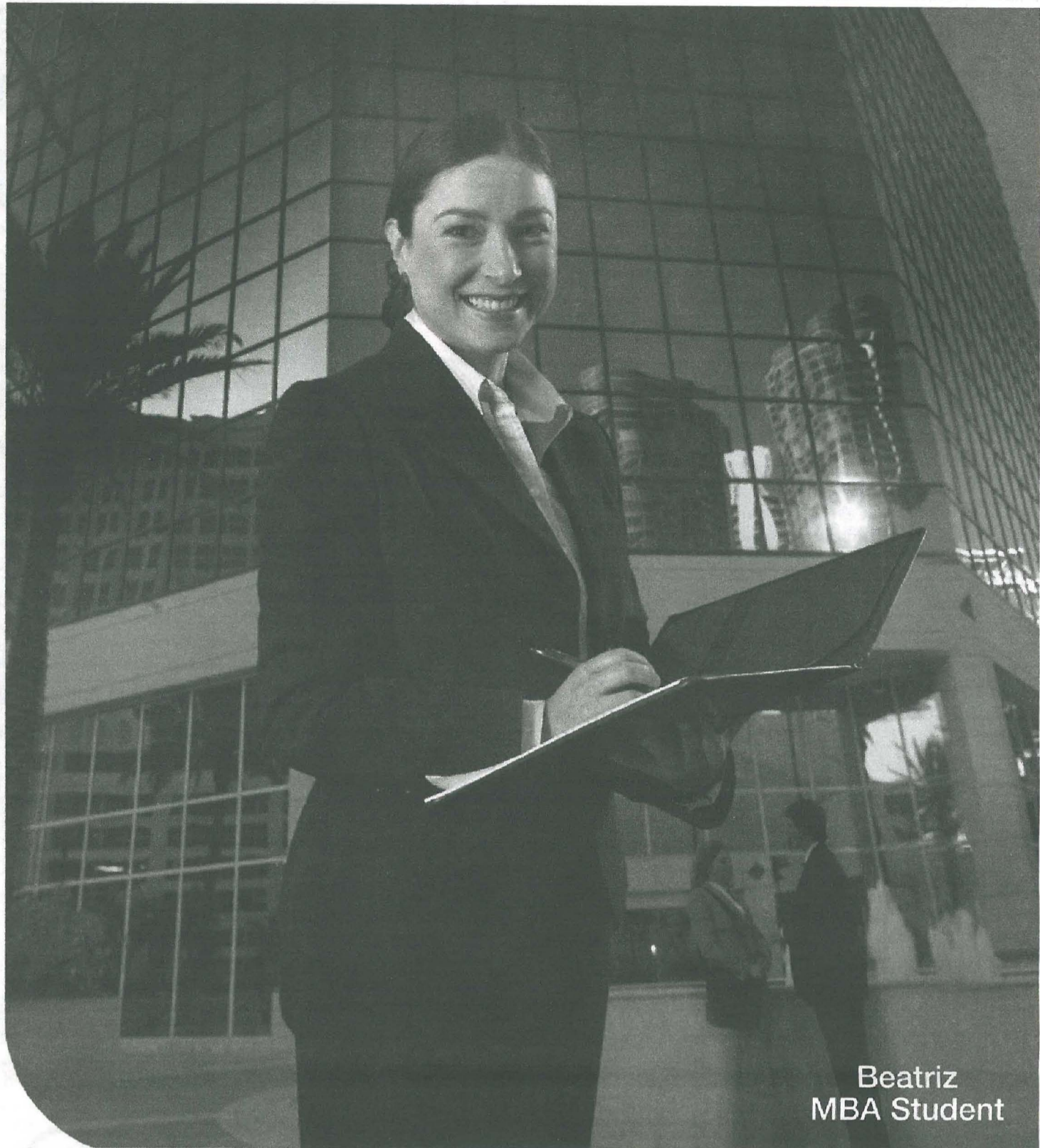
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# Reflections of an SGA President

By: **Christopher Mignocchi**

When I first came to NSU, I wanted to get involved in something to broaden my college experience. One of the tables at the orientation organizational fair was the Undergraduate Student Government table, manned by its president at the time, Anthony Campenni. He told me about the open positions and how it all worked. It seemed pretty interesting, so I decided to interview for freshmen senator.

Unfortunately, I did not get that position. But I did accept a non-voting standards board spot. At that time, I would have never thought in a million years that I would ever be president — of anything.

The starting point of this year's student government began last year during the 2012 elections. It was my party, the Leaders Party, against the very formidable Fresh Perspective Party. Over 800 students voted, more than in any other previous election.

What I feel students got that day was not just a student senate and new president, but a brand new student government that worked extremely hard to get there and really wanted to do the job. I think that all of the extra hard work we all put in that week — including introducing ourselves to people, handing out stickers and hanging posters — proved to everyone that we would work hard for them. Without a doubt, we wrote the blueprint for future candidates on how to campaign and win in a contested election at NSU. If you remember last

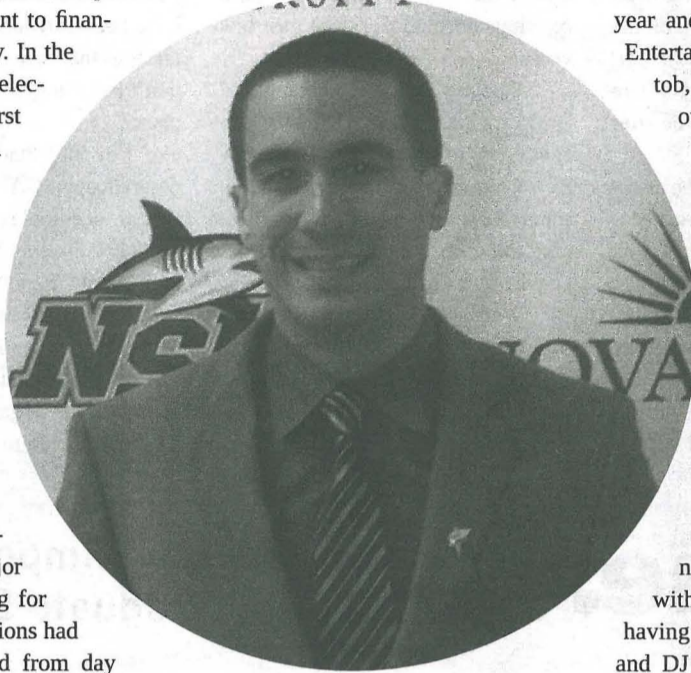
year at this time, you could not go anywhere on campus without seeing a campaign poster, chalk design or Leaders Party sticker.

Even though winning the 2012 election was such a paramount accomplishment, it was really only the beginning for me. I had set out many goals for my presidency. The first and, perhaps, most important was a commitment to financial responsibility. In the year prior to my election, for the first time ever, SGA had run out of money for organizations with several weeks left in the semester. Many students were upset and it was unfair in terms of the bigger picture that the major source of funding for student organizations had run dry. I vowed from day one that we would turn that around.

Today, not only are we operating with a budget surplus, but we're also able to spend more money on certain things that really made the year better for undergrads. If there is one person to thank for that it would have to be our treasurer, Barbara "Ross" Rosso, literally the best treasurer SGA has had in recent memory.

Another major goal of mine coming into this year was to promote

Shark pride and to promote ideas that would "collegify" the campus. Early in the year, SGA submitted a proposal to Vice President for Facilities Management Peter Witschen with many different ideas on how to do this. Street signs and naming of certain roads were part of that proposal, and



we saw their implementation right away. Soon, NSU will also see the christening of the brand-new "spirit rock", a giant boulder outside of the University Center, on which members of students organizations will be able to paint messages, announcements or anything else they please.

We began the year as an SGA by putting on Electric Waterworks,

the biggest live music party the campus has ever seen, in August at the Library Quad. For the first time, we had a live DJ and glow sticks, along with water rides. Though it ended early because of lightning, many students told me that they think waterworks was the best event to ever happen at NSU. I really wanted to do something new with Waterworks this year and with the help of Campus Entertainment Director Brit Schemtob, we were able to far exceed our initial expectations.

Our other majorly successful event this year was the Homecoming Bash at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino's Passion Nightclub. This was the last year SGA planned this event, as it's been turned over to the Student Events and Activities Board. If you didn't go, you missed an amazing night. That place was packed with over one thousand sharks having a good time on two floors and DJ Zog from Power 96 spinning. I've told Brit, personally, that she, without a doubt, planned the best homecoming bash this school has ever seen; SEA Board has their work cut out for them to top it.

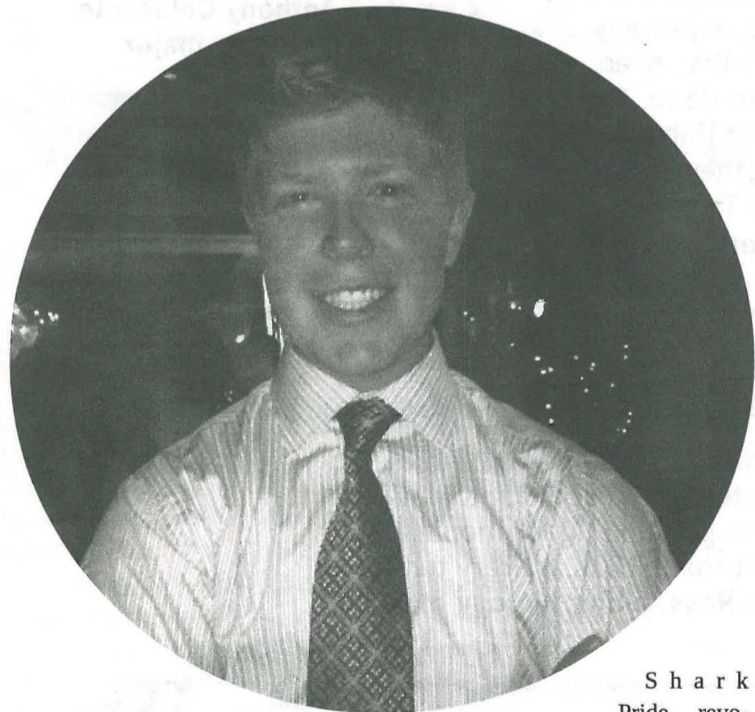
Of all of our accomplishments, fixing the Wi-Fi problem was certainly our most successful campaign. That was a problem we took directly from the students and presented straight to President George Hanbury. It is a fact, verified by Vice

President of Student Affairs Brad Williams, that this initiative became a priority of the university and that more was done faster thanks to student leadership. Wi-fi is absolutely necessary to college students and it feels good to know that we helped facilitate upgrading that system.

For all future presidents, I leave you with this bit of advice: you are captain of the ship that is student government. Whatever direction and vision you have is where the body will go, so be sure to be proactive. You are the sole person representing the entire undergraduate student body in just about every meeting you attend. Make sure you keep that in mind because your decisions and opinions represent a lot of people.

My advice to anyone who is interested in SGA would be to just go for it. Once your foot is in the door, anything is possible. I started out in the lowest position and was able to become the president. There is no "mold" for your typical SGA member anymore; it's all about getting stuff done.

Looking back at all of it, I am very lucky to have had this opportunity. I can honestly look myself in the mirror and say that I did everything I could to do the best job possible. I hope I have set the bar very high and that the next group comes in and sets it even higher. I am thankful for all of the support from my friends, family and fellow students. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve you all.



By: **Daniel Brookin**

My name is Daniel Brookin and I am running for undergraduate student government association president, as part of the Shark Initiative Party in the upcoming elections. I am a junior pursuing a double major in legal studies and philosophy, along with a minor in business. This is my third year on SGA, and I'm currently the vice president of legislative affairs. As a student government leader, my priority is to represent and advocate for the students of NSU.

The Shark Initiative Party is a group that I helped created, composed of 27 vibrant student leaders who have a passion for representing undergraduate students. We have four "Shark Initiatives": increase

Shark Pride, revolutionize the organization funding process, improve financial aid and improve academic advising. As a team, we stand firmly on the values of integrity, service, innovation and leadership. These values epitomize the approach we take as student government leaders.

Our first goal of building Shark Pride is intentionally broad, as we plan to accomplish a lot under this. First, we will make NSU apparel more accessible to the students. Students should not have to go all the way to the bookstore to get a t-shirt. We will also continue to bring bigger and better events to NSU. This includes having an even better Waterworks, collaborating with the Student Events and Activities Board to

## Shark Initiative: running on change

promote Homecoming Week and implementing a new traditional winter event. We will continue the current initiative of "Sharkifying" the campus, such as displaying school pride, showing more of NSU history and continuing our efforts to get rid of the corporate park feel. We also plan to collaborate with the town of Davie to get Shark gear in local restaurants and bars, change street names to shark themes, put NSU banners on light posts and provide more student discounts at local businesses.

Revolutionizing the organization funding process is our second goal, but what does this mean? As it stands now, whenever an organization receives funding for an event from SGA, they have to put the money up front and then get reimbursed from the Activity Fee Accounts Office. This is problematic because many students, including myself, cannot afford to put a few hundred dollars up front and then wait to get reimbursed.

We believe that this cumbersome process chills, and perhaps even stifles, much campus activity, and we want to revolutionize it. We plan to implement the usage of

Walmart and Publix credit cards in the accounts office. Currently, the Accounts Office offers one Publix card that organizations can use. Unfortunately, one is not enough, and many organizations are simply unaware of it. We would like to see the office offer more cards and publicize them better. This way, organizations can use the cards to pay for their event expenses once they have been funded by SGA.

Our final two goals of improving financial aid and academic advising go hand-in-hand. These two departments play an integral role in any student's overall experience at NSU. From e-mail and phone response time, to the consistency of the information received, students have had many complaints with these departments.

This past year, SGA worked extensively to address student concerns

in academic advising. As The Shark Initiative Party, we will continue to develop these relationships and work with academic advising to further improve the student experience.

For financial aid, we will build pathways of communication with the administrators in charge of the department to relay student concerns. We want to make absolutely sure that any and all information students receive is accurate, timely and helpful.

In short, we are The Shark Initiative Party. From us, you can expect more Shark Pride on your campus. You can expect a revolutionized organization funding system. And you can expect to have a better experience the next time you walk into financial aid or academic advising offices. I ask you to vote for The Shark Initiative Party via your NSU e-mail from April 8th to April 10th. Your vote. Your Campus. Your Initiative.

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# Undergraduate SGA: what is it good for?

By: **Andre Jensen**

What has the Undergraduate Student Government Association done for you? What has the Undergraduate Student Government Association done for you ... lately?

Those are two very similar questions which could result in two very different answers.

Normally, the Undergraduate SGA at NSU is very active. Our example of this activity is when former Undergraduate SGA President Adrian Keith Bennett III and an involved student body made the push for healthy alternatives, like the Salad Bar in the food court at the Don Taft University last year.

When NSU administration first approved SEA Thursday, it was sup-

posed to be a monthly event. Years later, another eager Undergraduate SGA president, Anthony Campenni, came into office and the event was extended to every week.

Undergraduate SGA was also responsible for the creation of the commuter student lounge at the Alvin Sherman Library, a place where many students relax before or after classes.

When we look back at the history of NSU, it seems that Undergraduate SGA has played a significant role in the development of the university, which brings us back to our original question: what has Undergraduate SGA done lately?

Aside from knowing about Sharkapolza, the annual fall semes-

ter kickoff event, most students can't even tell you SGA's role on campus. Many students, I've talked to don't know that Undergraduate SGA has meetings and passes legislation. So my question is, what have those meetings been about in the past few years?

Students aren't demanding that Undergraduate SGA provide us with another holiday or a brand-new facility on campus. But the organization, should be a little more active in running the university, in order to truly be the voice of the student body.

What are some of the ways they should go about fixing this problem? All the candidates for SGA positions we've seen in the past few years, including presidents and senators, have

had one thing in common: a promise for change. Yet, we haven't seen that much change.

Yes, there are a few more options at the food court at the University Center and the hours at the gym have been extended. But what about changes that will affect students who don't use the gym or eat at the food court?

I'm sure that members of Undergraduate SGA could offer up a list of accomplishments that have produced change, but so few people know about them.

My feeling is that, in order to restore Undergraduate SGA to its full potential, a change needs to occur within the organization. Multiple candidates need to run for positions,

in order to bring fresh ideas.

Last year, NSU had a spirited Undergraduate SGA election between two dynamic tickets for all SGA positions. That election was the most competitive one in almost a decade, according to NSU election records, and the issues that concerned the student body were debated like they should be.

Undergraduate SGA elections are a great opportunity to get involved on campus and every student should take part. NSU cannot be a vibrant campus without its students.

This year, pay attention to who the candidates are and ask those questions. Undergraduate SGA is supposed to be your voice at NSU.

## On the Scene: What issues are most important to you in the upcoming Undergraduate SGA election?



"A person who cares about their job, someone open to change and innovative with the school."  
**Laura Valle, freshman biology major**



"Financial aid, because I am taking out bank loans. And, I want more on-campus events."  
**Anthony Colasante, freshman biology major**

"I'd want a leader who focuses on helping others with financial concerns. I feel financial aid now could do more. Focusing on that would sway my vote further to vote for a specific group. I'd also really like for them to change some of the menus here. But that's probably impossible. Instead of Denny's, they need a Chipotle."  
**Juan Duran, freshman business administration major**

"Transportation is a big issue, especially with the Shark Shuttle. I think they need to expand some of the areas they go to. Right now, they only go to places like Publix for grocery shopping, but I think they should expand it to go to Walmart or Target."  
**Alexis Smith, freshman exercise and sport science major**



"Organization funding is unequal and unfair; the group I belong to has been trying to get funding for months and have hit roadblocks at every turn."  
**Lauren Ross, junior biology major**



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Hours: 10-20 hrs./week

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## HPD 144: Senior Student Assistant

Pay: \$8.50/hr

Hours: 20-25 hrs./week maximum (Available Tuesdays and Thursdays, afternoons and evenings when clinic is open)

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## 103: Student Assistant

Pay: \$10.00/hr.

Hours: 20 hrs./week

Provide clerical assistance. This includes filing, phones, etc.

## 165: Lifeguard

Pay: \$9.00/hr.

Hours: 7:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m.

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## 374: Field Operations Assistant

Pay: \$8.00/hr

Hours: 20 hrs./week

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## 397: Student Ambassador

Pay: \$8.00/hr.

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## 547: Information Systems Assistant

Pay: \$10.00/hr.

Hours: 20 hrs./week

Scan and index documents. Limited data entry, supply/hardware inventory. Workstation inventory. Organization and miscellaneous operations.

## 679: Senior Student Assistant

Pay: \$9.00/hr.

Hours: 25 hours per week

Provide clerical support and administrative assistance to the various administrators.

## 695: Administrative Student Assistant

Pay: \$9.00/hr.

Hours: 20 hrs./week Requires Federal Work Study Award

Assist with filing, data entry, reports and other office duties. Help with special events.

## 711: Student Scholarship Assistant

Pay: \$9.00-\$12.00/hr.

Hours: 20 hrs./week

Update and maintain database, review, edit and write scholarship questions, assist in mailings both electronic and paper, assist in preparing presentations, provide support in developing and delivering online scholarships.

## 719: Graduate Assistant

Pay: \$11.00/hr.

Hours: 10 hours/week

Process application waivers. Assist with FL Prepaid: invoicing and payment posting preparation; set up aging reports; analyze accounts to see if late fee and hold should be applied. Analyze account for NSU Payment Plans. Assist the A/R manager and specialist as needed. Other duties as assigned.

## 730: Student Assistant/ASA Desk Attendant

Pay: \$7.67/hr.

Hours: 20-25 hours/week

Greet and relate to all visitors. Direct NSU students, visitors and employees to various NSU departments for assistance as appropriate. Manage the designated phone line and online reservation forms for the Shark Shuttle Airport program, send out confirmation emails and make confirmation phone calls 24 hours after receiving requests. Direct traffic to the appropriate departments. Schedule, set-up and maintain meeting rooms and patio area. Daily light maintenance of reception and meeting room areas. More detailed description and other duties to be provided from department. Other duties as assigned.

## 733: Student Assistant/Preschool Aide

Pay: \$8.00/hr.

Hours: 25 hrs./week (must be able to work 25 hrs.)

Care for preschool children ages 2-5 for early and aftercare.

## 749: Student Assistant/Undergraduate

Pay: \$10.00/hr.

Hours: 20 hrs./week

Administrative and clerical duties such as processing check requests, making travel arrangements (including auto, airline and hotel). Assist in arrangement of conferences, meetings, etc. and arranging technology requirements. Schedule appointments and maintain project calendars. Respond to emails and handle telephone requests; taking and recording messages accurately and reliably. Gather and compile information for special reports as requested. Scanning and data entry. Other duties as assigned.

## 752: Administrative Student Assistant

Pay: \$10.00/hr.

Hours: 20 hrs./week

Assist Imaging System Administrators in the office and field. Set up and troubleshoot computer workstations, scanning equipment and imaging-related software: Ascent, DPO, Unisearch 32, Netsearch XL and Unisearch Interactive. Perform routine maintenance, hardware/software installation and assist in moving heavy equipment.

## 764: Senior Student Assistant/Storage Room Clerk

Pay: \$10.00/hr.

Hours: 25 hrs./week

Pick up and receive all scrap materials for the storage/scrap room. Scan all materials into the appropriate spreadsheet and separate recyclable assets for donation from scrap items. Assist management team with daily operations. Maintain clean and safe work environment.

## 779: Operations Assistant/Facilities

Pay: \$7.67/hr.

Available Hours: Mon-Fri 5:30 a.m. - Midnight / Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. / Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Answer telephones, manage the operation of the front service desk, answer questions, enforce facility and program policies, conduct face checks, and distribute information and directions. Maintain the cleanliness of the facility and the upkeep of the facility program space.

## 781: Operations Assistant/Fitness

Pay: \$7.67/hr.

Hours: Mon-Fri 5:30 a.m. - Midnight / Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. / Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Promote and enforce all fitness room policies. Ensure a safe workout environment and perform routine cleaning and maintenance on equipment. Be visible on the fitness room floor during shift, to answer questions and provide general assistance.

## 783: Personal Trainer

Pay: \$18- starting and depending on experience

Hours: Based upon client base, max. 20 hrs./week

Provide members with a quality, safe, and effective workout. Maintain written documentation of each client.

## 796: Student Assistant/Event Services

Pay: \$8.00/hr.

Hours: 5-20 hrs./wk. Jobs include Guest Services, Ticket Takers, Ushers, Ticket Sellers and other various event services and box office jobs.